Use of surplus water in Tamil Nadu

3030. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pamba-Achankovil-Vaipar link project has been proposed by National Water Development agency to utilize or irrigate surplus water available in areas of Vaippar river basin in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details and funds allocated for this project; and

(c) the details of areas which are going to be benefited by this project in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (MS. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Pamba-Achankovil-Vaipar link proposes to utilize the presently assessed surplus waters of Pamba and Achankovil rivers in Kerala at 75% dependability in the adjoining Vaippar basin of Tamil Nadu for irrigation and power generation. The cost of the link as per the feasibility report prepared by the National Water Development Agency is Rs.1397.91 crore (92-93 price level).

(c) As per feasibility report the proposed water transfer link project is likely to provide annual irrigation benefit of about 91.400 ha. in the district of Tirunelveli (50,005 ha.), Chindambaranar (628 ha.) and Kamrajar (40,767 ha.) of Tamil Nadu with annual power generation benenfit of about 508 MW.

Desilting of major rivers in U.P. and Delhi

†3031. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a National Action Plan for desilting of all the major rivers of the country,

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particularly Yamuna, Ganga, Ghagra, Saryu, Tamsa and Gomti of Uttar Pradesh and Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for regular desilting of all the major rivers of the country with a view to control the frequent recurring of floods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (MS. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) As of now, the Government of India have not formulated any National Action Plan for desilting of the major rivers in the country.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Flood Management being a State subject, flood control schemes including desilting of rivers to check floods are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments themselves out of their own resources and as per their own priorities. The Central Government renders assistance that are technical, catalytical and promotional in nature. The Government of India have however recently set up a Committee to Study the problem of silting in rivers.

Corruption charges against the officials of N.P.C.C.

3032. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names and designation of the officers of National Projects Construction Corporation (NPCC) who have been charge-sheeted in charges of corruption;

(b) the charges against each of them and at what stage the investigation are being conducted;

(c) whether there officers are put under suspension; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (MS. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) Details of charge-sheeted officers of N.P.C.C. are given in the Statement.